

have won the Best in Class in the chardonnays priced between \$26 and \$29.99 category with their wine, Lost Creek Reserve Chardonnay.

In today's society, family owned small businesses are crucial to the future of our nation and my constituents in the 10th District are proud they call Loudoun County their home. It is families like the Henkles that help foster strong, local economies by establishing successful business practices that can be carried out for multiple generations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Todd and Aimee Henkle on their great accomplishment and successful small business. I wish Todd, Aimee, and their children, Evan and Ryan, the best in their future endeavors.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF KITTY MOON EMERY

#### HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 13, 2017*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, there are those who live their lives with distinct intentionality. They have the ability to inspire their communities by bringing innovation and change in their relentless pursuit to make the world a better place. They use their creativity to bring beauty and encourage leaders to reach their fullest potentials. I am saddened by the loss of my friend, Kitty Moon Emery. I was fortunate to have met her early in my career and always appreciated her advice and counsel as she was one of those special leaders.

Kitty was a Nashville native who had an endearing love for Tennessee and our country. She worked as one of only two female press secretaries in the Senate under Senator Bill Brock. She later went on to become the Assistant National Director of Advertising for the presidential campaign of Ronald Reagan. Kitty was eventually appointed by Secretary Henry Kissinger to a United Nations Advisory Committee. In these spheres she broke many barriers by filling positions that were not traditionally held by women.

Kitty was a treasured advisor to many. She served as the chairman for the Metro Sports Authority and played a vital role by serving on many boards including the Country Music Association, the CMA Foundation, the Rotary Club of Nashville, and Leadership Music. More recently she founded the consulting firm Kitty Moon Enterprises to support leaders in the Middle Tennessee Region.

Kitty's presence in Nashville will be deeply missed. Her love and devotion to community brought people together and made Tennessee a much better place to live. I rise today to celebrate her lasting achievements and ask my colleagues to join with me in honoring her life.

#### RECOGNIZING FANNIN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 13, 2017*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Fannin County

Public Library and to commend its Food for Fines program. The Fannin County Public Library started this initiative a decade ago, and this year's program runs through the end of the month. Food for Fines is a smart, creative way to give back to the community. It allows individuals with overdue fines to donate non-perishable food items in lieu of a fee. For every food item donated, the library forgives one dollar of fines.

All of the donations from this food drive will go to support the Fannin County Family Connection. The program benefits individuals in need and library patrons alike. Last year the library estimated that it collected nearly \$500 worth of non-perishable food items. Over the years, it has become commonplace for those who donate to do so in excess of their fine out of support for this community cause.

Mr. Speaker, the ongoing success of this program speaks to the investment that the Fannin County Public Library staff and library patrons have made in their community. It is a privilege to represent such civic-minded individuals and to recognize their service to their neighbors. The Fannin County Public Library's Food for Fines program is an example of the inclusive service I see throughout Northeast Georgia.

#### IN HONOR OF THE HILLSBORO TOWN EXPANSION

#### HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 13, 2017*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge my constituent, the Honorable Roger Vance, Mayor of the Town of Hillsboro, Vice Mayor Steve Morgart, Council Member at Large John Dean, Council Member at Large Joseph Gertig, Council Member at Large Amy Newton Marasco, Council Member at Large Matt Parse, and the Town Clerk, Sherry Vance on their historic boundary line expansion. Not only did this expansion triple the town's size from 55 to 171 acres and increase the population from 80 to 115 residents, but it also created more economic opportunity, improved walkability, and added businesses and neighbors that have long considered themselves residents of Hillsboro.

Hillsboro, located in Western Loudoun County, was first settled in the mid-1750s by a small group of Quakers as a milling town. Given the town's location and its position on the Short Hill Mountain formed by the North Fork of Catoclin Creek, the small group of houses and mills became known as the Gap, a term still widely used today. After many years of growth and development, the Gap became an incorporated town in 1802 called Hillsborough. Many years later in 1893, the name was shortened to Hillsboro.

Thanks to the work of Mayor Vance and the Town Council, today Hillsboro is among the best-preserved rural towns in the country, and with this successful expansion the town will be able to expand and improve the historic area. This improvement, along with the town's ongoing initiatives to increase economic opportunity, will help build a sustainable future for Loudoun County (careful we have other rural towns in Loudoun).

Mr. Speaker, I now ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Town of Hillsboro,

Mayor Roger Vance, Vice Mayor Steve Morgart, Council Member at Large John Dean, Council Member at Large Joseph Gertig, Council Member at Large Amy Newton Marasco, Council Member at Large Matt Parse, and the Town Clerk, Sherry Vance on the historic boundary line expansion. Today, we honor and celebrate the town's history as one of Loudoun County's most important assets.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS AND PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE VOL- UNTARY SEPARATION INCEN- TIVE PAYMENTS ACT

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 13, 2017*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Courts and Public Defender Service Voluntary Separation Incentive Payments Act. The bill, which passed the House in the 114th Congress, would make a small but important change to the authorities of the District of Columbia Courts (D.C. Courts) and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS), placing these entities in the same position as their federal counterparts for more effective management and operation.

The bill would give the D.C. Courts and PDS the same authority federal agencies and federal courts already have to offer voluntary separation incentive payments, or buyouts, to their employees. The fiscal year 2016 omnibus bill already gives D.C. Courts buyout authority, but my bill would make this authorization permanent, and would extend it to PDS in addition to the D.C. Courts. Buyouts would allow the D.C. Courts and PDS to respond to future administrative and budget needs, and would provide the flexibility to extend buyout offers to their employees.

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) has determined that voluntary separation incentive payments may be made only where statutorily authorized. Federal agencies and federal courts already have the statutory authority to offer buyouts, and PDS and the D.C. Courts need the same express authority in order to manage their workforce as budget conditions and needs change.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

#### IMPORTANCE OF A U.S.-U.K. TRADE DEAL

#### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 13, 2017*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this past summer British citizens chose to reclaim their independence. In a landmark referendum they decided to leave the European Union and take charge of their economic future. Now, in the wake of Brexit, it is important that we preserve, as Winston Churchill first put it in 1946, the special relationship between the U.S. and the U.K.